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ALDRICH COMMENDS HIS FRIEND

It is good to work earnestly, intel-
ligently and successfully. It is good,
too, to receive the commendation of
those whose judgment is sound, whose
approval is worth while.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the
finance committee of the United States
senate, writes the following letter to
Senator Smoot of Utah:

Committee on Finance, U. S. Senate:
Providence, R. I., August 19, 1909.—My
Dear Senator: I did not have an oppor-
tunity before I left Washington of ex-
pressing to you my appreciation of the
efficiency and value of your work as a
member of the finance committee during
the pendency of the tariff bill. Your in-
telligent attention to the details of the
great work we had in hand, and your
unfailing industry, were the subject of
favorable comment on every hand.

I hope you are enjoying your vacation.
Sincerely yours,

NELSON W. ALDRICH.
Hon. Reed Smoot, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Utah stock has risen very greatly
when that can be the word of a man
so prominent as the leader of the sen-
ate. And what the Rhode Island sen-
ator has so frankly written is endorsed
by millions of eastern people who a
few years ago were almost unanimous
in the expressed belief that no good
thing could come out of Utah.

Our state is approved by the sen-
ators we have sent to Washington. And
the people of Utah deserve the better
opinion in which they are held by their
neighbors in the other states.

UNWARRANTED CRITICISM.

One of the widely read and commonly
influential publications of the country
is the American Review of Reviews.
In its current number it follows the
lead of certain irreconcilables in and
out of public life in condemning the
new tariff law enacted at the extra
session of congress. But even the
American Review of Reviews goes
much too far in assuming the position
of infallibility. By way of supporting
its editorial policy of condemning the
law, the Review prints a long unsigned
article dealing entirely with the de-
tails of the law, and advancing state-
ments as matter of opinion on innum-
erable minutiae, but in every case leav-
ing the reader nothing better by way
of evidence than he had before.

And it is too much for the Review to
say of its contributor: "The article has
been prepared without bias and with
the greatest regard for accuracy, by an
expert who is much better able to deal
with the question of rates and sched-
ules in detail than is either member
of either house of congress, without ex-
ception."

Who is this wonderful man? The
country is not going to take the Re-
view's estimate. The country is not
going blindly to pin its faith to the
bold statement of any man of whom it
knows nothing, if by that decision the
country must believe that every man
voting for the law is mistaken or dis-
honest.

We have read with greatest care
every available attack on the present
law. And we know of no exception to
this rule: The criticisms are vague
and wholesale. Facts are utterly lack-
ing. Examples of injustice are not con-
clusively given. And the broad and
general effect of the new law, both as
a revenue getter and as a measure of
protection for American industries and
American capital, is utterly ignored.

The tariff question is a big one. The
average man doesn't pretend to com-
pletely grasp it. It is complicated, and
complex. The country believes that
honest men sought with sincerity and
with ability to give the nation a law
that would be helpful to the nation. It
will not do for any magazine, however
large its circulation, to risk the un-
supported statement that the men the
American people have elected to repre-
sent them are either less honest or
less shrewd than is the editor of a
monthly magazine.

ANY WAY, WELLMAN DIDN'T.

We are not entirely sure that Dr.
Cook has really reached the North
Pole. The evidences all are in favor of
the truth of the dispatches. There is
no sound reason to doubt the statement
that he has actually succeeded, except
the fact that so many others have tried
and failed, and that through so many
years of endeavor.

But, on the other hand, we are far
from believing that he hasn't found
the pole. The matter seems best viewed
as a momentous statement that waits
confirmation.

It will be observed, at the same time,
that Walter Wellman didn't discover
the pole. He didn't reach the mag-
netic north, nor any other very unusual
point in that famed direction. The
character of the two men is very plain-
ly shown in the known record of their
labors. Cook remained in the far
north, watching, waiting, forming the
acquaintance and gaining the confi-
dence and loyalty of the people. And
when the proper time came he went—
with their help—straight for the pole.

Wellman, after repeated trials, year
after year, every one of them abortive
in the dawn of the very first difficulty,
launches a balloon, and starts north
with his food basket slung by a strap
and swinging below. The strap breaks,
and Wellman turns back. There was
no effort to recover the supplies; no
attempt to repair the broken leather.

It was simply the first rebuttal—and
Wellman quit.

The one thing that the world will
listen to with least patience will be
Wellman's comments on the achieve-
ment of Dr. Cook.

MAYOR ROSE IS COMING.

Arrangements have been perfected
for an address to be delivered by Mayor
David Rose of Milwaukee at the Taber-
nacle next Tuesday evening. He is
likely to have a very large audience,
and he is certain to be listened to with
profit.

Mayor Rose is opposed to prohibition.
He is by no means the type some im-
petuous gentlemen paint the advocate
of his cause. A successful lawyer, a
successful business man, a sound
thinker and a strong debater, he seeks
to present the cause of the temperate
man. He does not believe that prohibi-
tion has been a successful solution of
the liquor problem in the states where
it has been tried. He feels very sure
it has proved a mistake. And his effort
is to convince his fellow countrymen
not to extend the circle or that mistake
any farther.

Those who hear him will not be
abused. They will not hear any one
else abused. They will not be assailed
with accusation, but will be addressed
in reason.

We believe that our Utah people, as
good people everywhere, are simply
seeking for the best and wisest solu-
tions of their several problems. Their
decision must rest on facts and on rea-
son. Because of that, they will listen
to Mayor Rose, and will give his argu-
ments the weight their merit pos-
sesses.

THE MAN WHO STUCK.

When the good ship Ohio went down
on the northern coast a few days ago,
it carried about fifteen thousand dol-
lars' worth of jewels that had been in
the keeping of a traveling salesman,
commonly called a drummer, from Chi-
cago. The man himself was hustled
into one of the lifeboats after nearly
every one else had gone ashore. But
he wasn't hustled any farther. He
stayed right there on the shore, where
he could watch the place of his jewels.
As the weather was bad, he built him-
self a little hut, and sheltered himself
from the elements. And still he
waited.

No one got his treasures, and when
the divers came, they brought up his
cases with the diamonds still intact.
And then the Chicago drummer went
his way, with his employers' property
safely strapped upon him.

There is a good deal of lesson in the
man who stuck. Some people would
have been so glad to escape the en-
gulfing waves that they would have
fled the country, only begging to be
taken as far as possible from the scene
of destruction. Other people lost prop-
erty on the Ohio, and they never got
it back again—and never will. But
this man, whose heart remained where
his treasure was, comes off with flying
colors.

There is probably better wages in
sticking than in astonishing in hang-
ing on than in raising a hullabaloo. It
isn't the man who has things, but the
man who keeps things, that counts.

Wherefore, the moral of this little les-
son is: Stick!

COMMENT IS KINDLY.

The following comment may be taken
as the veterans' view of the recent
grand encampment in Salt Lake, be-
cause it is taken from editorials in the
National Tribune, organ of the Grand
Army organization, and a paper that
is more largely patronized by veter-
ans than any other published.

The forty-third national encampment,
Grand Army of the Republic, has now
been historically added to its forty-two
predecessors. In every way it was quite
successful, and those who attended were
delighted that they were there. The at-
tendance was much larger than was ex-
pected, and there were surprisingly large
delegations from the far eastern depart-
ments. * * * There was nothing but
praise on the lips of veterans who were
entertained at Salt Lake City. Much as
they had heard of the beautiful place, the
reality exceeded their expectations. * * *
The streets were wide and clean, and
the streams of pure water from the
mountain snows which rippled along the
sides of the street were a cheer to the
hot and dusty land. The people
seemed to feel all the honor that was due
the veterans, and greeted them with kin-
dly appreciation and friendly helpfulness.
A great many of the veterans were en-
tertained at private residences, and all told
the same tale of the hospitality of their
hosts, and the moderation of their
charges. * * * Salt Lake certainly did
her part in the fervidness of the wel-
come.

The current number of the National
Tribune is filled with reports of the
encampment. And in every line the
verdict of the men and women of the
real army and its auxiliaries is such as
to gratify the people of Salt Lake.

THE BEST ANSWER TO STERRETT

The best answer that can be made
to the discredited Sterrett is to bring
him back here by stern process of law,
if he has done anything which clearly
warrants that course. If he has not,
let the matter drop, and be well rid
of a scamp.

The encampment committee needs no
defending in Utah. The Commercial
club needs no explanation in Salt
Lake.

The people of this city and of this
state can be charged with no failure in
the matter of their receiving, providing
for and entertaining the Grand Army
of the Republic. And no one here can
be accused of less than perfect love
and veneration for the soldiers them-
selves.

So that either warrants and extra-
ditions should be discussed, or the in-
cident should be closed.

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS GROWS.

Postmaster Thomas reports a growth
of twenty-six per cent in the business
of the Salt Lake postoffice for the year
just ended, over that of the previous
year. And if there is any one thing
in the world which is conclusive of the
growth of a city's business, it is the
reports of the postoffice.

There is the agency nearest the peo-
ple. It is their most familiar relation
with the government. It is their com-
monest means of communication with

their fellow men. It is their bank of
exchange, their carrier of funds.

The report means that a great many
more letters have been written from
Salt Lake last year than in the year
before. It means that more stamps
have been consumed. It means that
much more money has been forwarded
from this office, or received at this of-
fice. And above all, it means that all
the people—in every line—have swelled
the grand total on which the percent-
age increase is based.

There are more people in the city.
They are better off. And the differ-
ence is so great as to compel amazed
attention. Salt Lake must indeed be
growing when its postoffice can grow
more than one-fourth in a single year.

ALWAYS HAD A GOOD WORD.

Back in Indiana in the very early
days a baby was born to a frontiers-
man named Ralston; and his father in-
sisted that he be christened Young. And
he was. And the name clung to him
because it had a right to. He grew to
manhood, waxed fat and rich, and in
the course of nature was gathered to
his fathers—honored wherever he was
known.

From his early manhood Young Ral-
ston's constant reply to the challenge
of neighbors was "Good enough!" He
always found the bright side of the
question. He never complained. He
probably had as many difficulties as
other men have, but he met them with
a smile and a will to overcome them.
And he did overcome.

"Always had a good word," said his
neighbors as they followed his clay to
its long last rest.

And there isn't a better eulogy to be
written of any man. This old farmer
never had an enemy, and yet he never
was robbed. He could take care of
himself without losing his temper. It
isn't necessary to act the bear. The
bear doesn't have an especially good
time.

They told him their hopes, and he
cried: "Good enough!" They told him
their achievements, and his comment
was: "Good enough!" They asked him
how he felt, there in the falling days—
and he never missed the courage and
the strength to answer in his familiar
strain. He made the world brighter
while he lived. He lived in the hearts
of his neighbors when he died.

Old Young Ralston! Let's have many
like him here in Utah.

IRRIGATION BONDS.

Many years ago, the men say, W. A.
McCormick said he regarded living
water here in Utah as among the best
of possible securities. An eastern
writer makes the following similar
comment:

That the speculation of yesterday may
have become the investment of today is
often overlooked by bankers of restricted
view. As little as a couple of years ago
many easterners whose business it is to
keep well informed shook their heads
over irrigation bonds. But that was be-
fore the completion of engineering and
agricultural marvels such as the 3,488
miles of canals and ditches that the recla-
mation service has built, as per its re-
port of this year, bringing under irriga-
tion 4,588 farms, covering nearly a million
acres, and directly responsible for the
establishment of more than 20,000 people
on land formerly classed as arid.

Eastern opinion has changed, Mr.
George W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan &
Co., a director in many railroad and
industrial corporations, is quoted as
saying of irrigation bonds, during a
trip through the western grain and
fruit regions:

"The market for bonds of this charac-
ter is getting better, with certain limi-
tations. Financing such enterprises will
become easier with wider knowledge of
their importance and safety. We realize
the importance of irrigation to the north-
west and the entire country."

There can be only one conclusion. It
is not only the duty but the interest
of every Utah man to conserve the
water of every spring and every stream
in the state. The time will come when
irrigation water will run in concrete
ditches, and never in the porous soil,
which permits so great a measure to
escape. Every drop of water must be
sacredly dedicated to the land.

All people will unite in thanking the
committee for arranging President
Taft's Sunday Tabernacle meeting for
9 o'clock in the morning, instead of an
hour later. It will enable every one
in the city to attend, and still not com-
pel their absence from regular places
of worship.

"But just before Christmas he's as
good as he can be." We note with in-
terest that the city authorities are talk-
ing of new and extensive sewer im-
provements in the Second ward. And
the election only two months away!

Judge Sorensen of Mantle is enforcing
the liquor laws in a manner which
makes it extremely unlikely that there
will be any more trouble in his neigh-
borhood.

Three thousand of the Smith family
assembled in a little meeting at Seattle
the other day. It was as many as
could be spared for social frivolities in
the haying and fruit season.

BEATI ILLI.

Blest is the man whose heart and hands
are pure!
He hath no sickness that he shall not
cure.
No sorrow that he may not well endure;
His feet are steadfast and his hope is
sure.

Oh! blest is he who ne'er hath sold his
soul.
Whose will is perfect, and whose word
is whole.
Who hath not paid to common sense the
toll
Of self disgrace, nor owned the world's
control!

Through clouds and shadows of the dark-
est night
He will not lose a glimmering of the light.
Nor, though the sun of day be shrouded
quite,
Swerve from the narrow path to left or
right.

—John Addington Symonds.

JOY AND GRIEF.

Oh, deem not they are blest alone
Whose lives are peaceful and serene;
The power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

There is a day of sunny rest
For every dark and troubled night;
And grief may hide an evening guest,
But joy shall come with early light.

—W. C. Bryant.

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